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POLYMORPHISM APPLYING )  
TRIPLE STRAND DNA )  
FORMATION TECHNIQUE )

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows: